

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph at page 11, lines 9-15 with the following amended paragraph:

"Substituted alkyl" refers to alkyl as just described including one or more of the following functional groups: ~~such as~~ lower alkyl, aryl, substituted aryl, acyl, halogen (i.e., alkylhalos, e.g., CF<sub>3</sub>), hydroxy, amino, alkoxy, alkylamino, acylamino, thioamido, acyloxy, aryloxy, aryloxyalkyl, mercapto, thia, aza, oxo, both saturated and unsaturated cyclic hydrocarbons, heterocycles and the like. These groups may be attached to any carbon of the alkyl moiety. Additionally, these groups may be pendent from, or integral to, the alkyl chain.

Please replace the paragraph at page 11, lines 25-32 with the following amended paragraph:

"Substituted aryl" refers to aryl as just described including one or more of the following functional groups: ~~such as~~ lower alkyl, acyl, halogen, alkylhalos (e.g., CF<sub>3</sub>), hydroxy, amino, alkoxy, alkylamino, acylamino, acyloxy, phenoxy, mercapto and both saturated and unsaturated cyclic hydrocarbons, optionally substituted with one or more heteroatoms, which are fused to the aromatic ring(s), linked covalently or linked to a common group such as a methylene or ethylene moiety. The linking group may also be a carbonyl such as in cyclohexyl phenyl ketone. The term "substituted aryl" encompasses "substituted arylalkyl."

Please replace the paragraph at page 13, lines 13-22 with the following amended paragraph:

"Substituted heteroaryl" refers to heteroaryl as just described wherein the heteroaryl nucleus is substituted with one or more of the following functional groups: ~~such as~~ lower alkyl, acyl, halogen, alkylhalos (e.g., CF<sub>3</sub>), hydroxy, amino, alkoxy, alkylamino, acylamino, acyloxy, mercapto, etc. Thus, substituted analogues of heteroaromatic rings such as thiophene, pyridine, isoxazole, phthalimide, pyrazole, indole, furan, etc. or benzo-fused analogues of these rings are defined by the term "substituted heteroaryl."